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Making rural areas more attractive for young people

2nd ENRD Social Inclusion Workshop

Developing the Voice of Young People in Rural Areas

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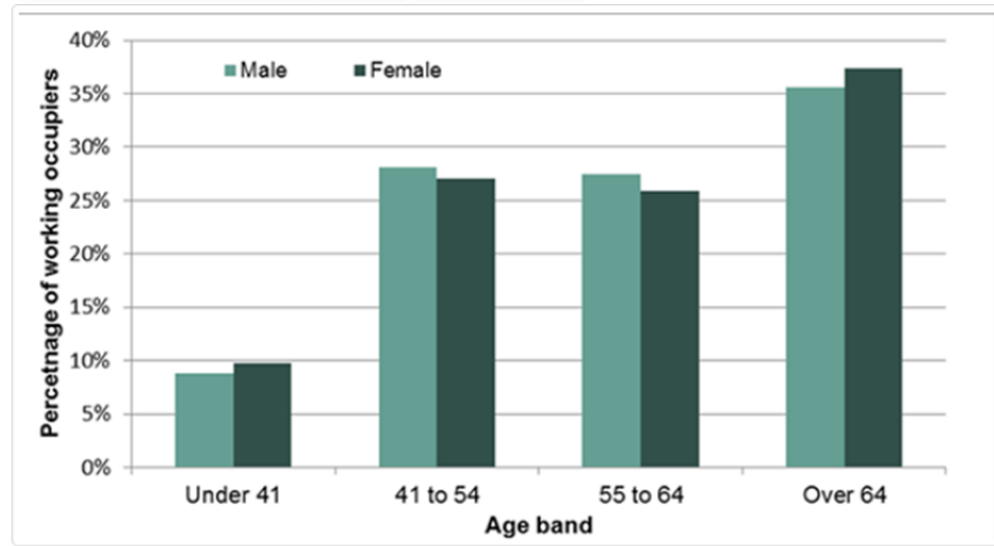
#Socialinclusion

#RuralYouth

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The traditional face of policy making in rural Scotland...not very socially inclusive!





SAYFC- The home of rural youth
in Scotland since 1938



...that's better!

**“WHEN YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF
THE WIND – ADJUST YOUR SAILS.”**

H. JACKSON BROWN JR.

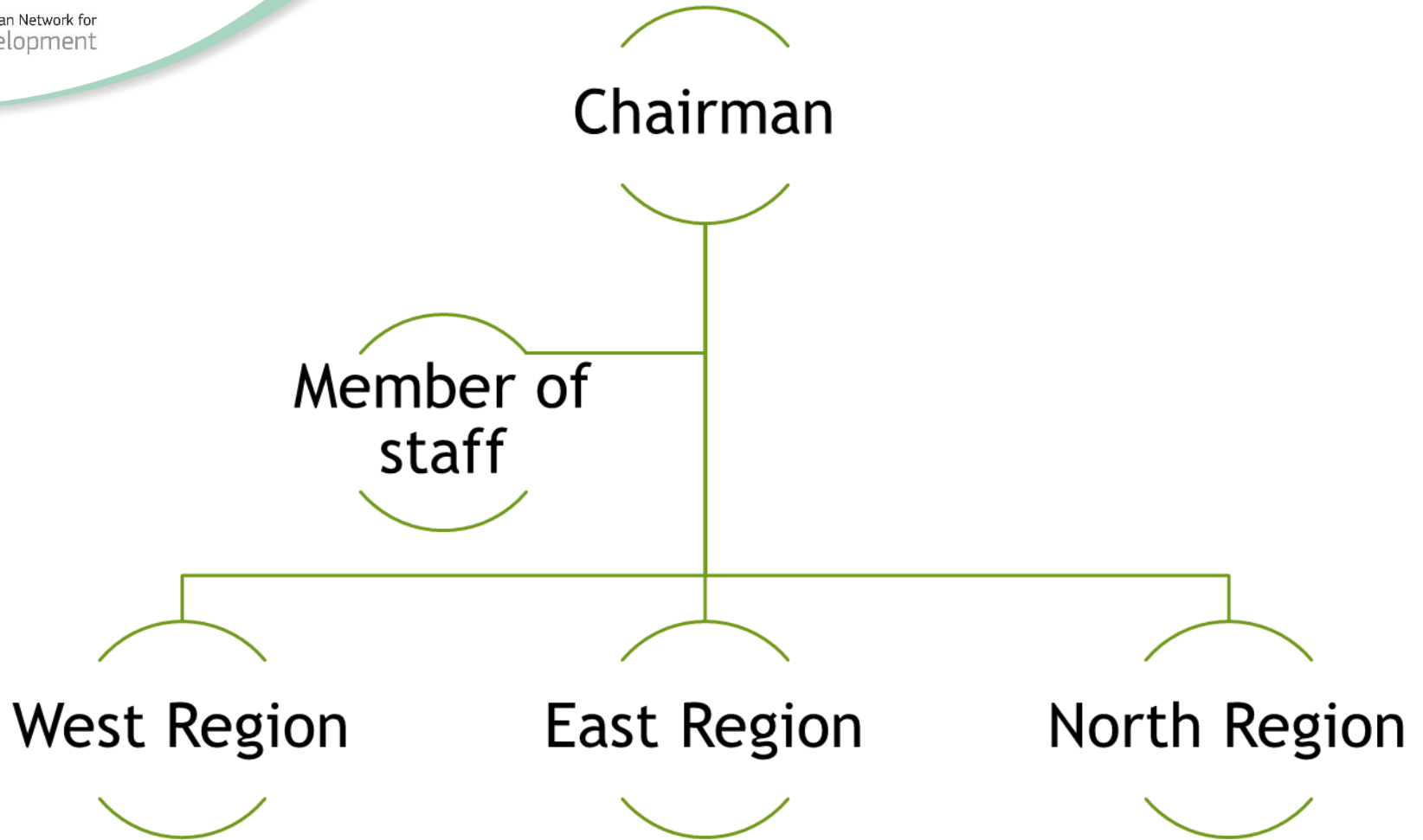
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SAYFC Agri and Rural Affairs: re-launched June 2013.
Chairman, full time staff member, and a vision.

SAYFC Agri and Rural Affairs aims to:

- Inspire and inform members so they can lead the way in agriculture
- Secure the future of the young Scottish industry
- Accredit members with the recognition they deserve for their role in farming
- Allow members to have a voice
- Put the farming back into Young Farmers





Study tours- Wales, Argentina



Catching attention, inspiring our own members

Our first weekend
conference



Regional on
farm visits

Cultivating Futures

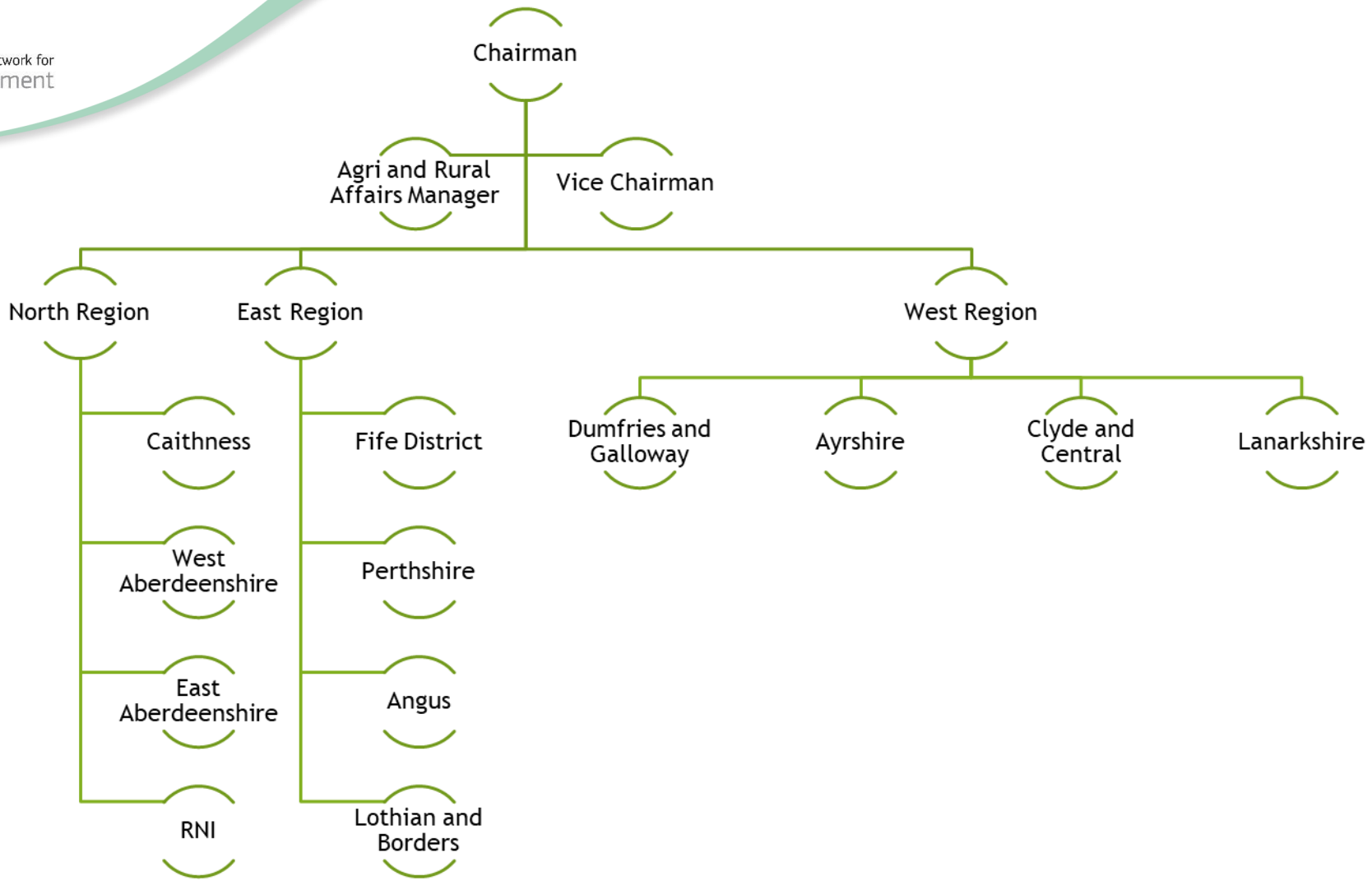


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We now had a message we could take to policy makers...we had a voice, and we had the structure to back it up.

We responded to consultations, commented on policy announcements in the media, we invited policy makers for discussions.



Members or represented on:

- Farming Opportunities for New Entrant Group
- Woman in Agriculture Task Force
- Agricultural Champions Working Groups
- Agricultural and Rural Development Stakeholders Group
- NFUS Next Generation Committee
- New Entrants Working Group
- National Council of Rural Advisors

Meaning that ALL these policy making forums have a young person on them!

**We created an EXPECTATION
that we would be involved.**

Dialogue with Cabinet Secretaries for Agriculture



Hosted Phil Hogan EU Commissioner, and gave him evidence of issues facing YF's

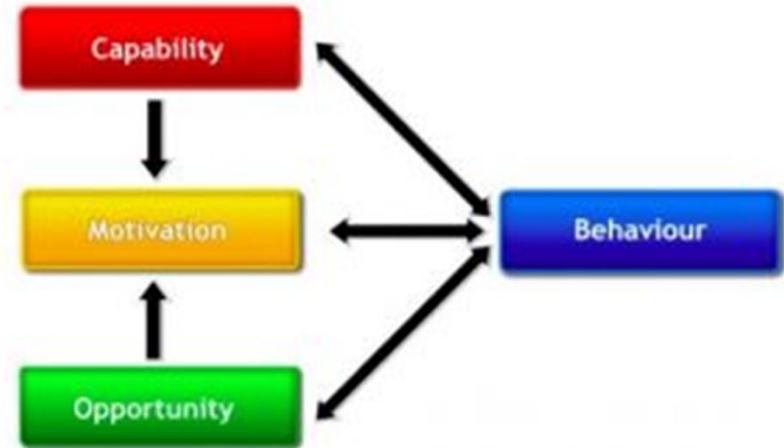


Delegation to meet the First Minister



..and we had success!





Work to be done- motivate the industry to do better, which is reflected in my own working life.

Thank you for your attention!